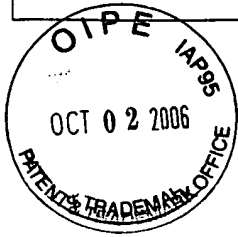


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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached SB08A form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that a search has been made or that this art is material to patentability of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent are patentably distinguishable from these references. Applicants believe no fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, or refund any credit, to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group for any fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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